

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**STAFF NOTE**

**Review Item:**

KHSAA Title IX update and report on the current status of prime time playing opportunities for girls' basketball and brief update on Phase 2 of the 2005-2006 KHSAA Audit Visit Schedule

**Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

702 KAR 7:065

**History/Background:**

***Existing Policy.*** The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) staff provides regular updates to the Kentucky Board of Education relative to its efforts to enforce the provisions of Title IX.

Since the inception of the KHSAA Title IX Audit Project, one of the fundamental objectives of the project is to ensure that girl's high school sports teams receive equal consideration in the scheduling process for prime date playing opportunities. The sport of basketball appears to need special attention in this area. The KHSAA annually evaluates playing schedules to determine whether or not girls' basketball teams are provided comparable competition opportunities when compared to the boys' team schedules. KHSAA staff looks primarily at home basketball games and in particular those scheduled on prime nights and at optimal times. Part of the prime date definition includes non-school days such as Friday evening, Saturday, or Sunday. After a thorough review by the KHSAA of the 2005-06 basketball schedules of all member schools, it has been determined that 40 schools are not adequately providing these opportunities. School personnel at these schools have been notified of the necessary changes that need to take place. We are continuing to monitor these 40 schools, as well as mandate to school personnel that they properly attend to this initiative on an annual basis.

Other items of note relative to Title IX activities include:

- The KHSAA is currently conducting 30-on site audit visits (list of visits attached) as part of the second phase of the "Audit Project". These visits are scheduled to be completed in April 2006.
- The KHSAA is conducting a Title IX Workshop at Madisonville Community College on November 10, 2005. Title IX coordinators from each school system and each individual school in this area of the state are encouraged to attend.
- The KHSAA is attempting to schedule an additional Title IX workshop in east Kentucky in the spring of 2006.
- KHSAA member schools are still required to submit an Annual Self Audit Report including corrective action on noted deficiencies to the Association by April 15<sup>th</sup> of every year.

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